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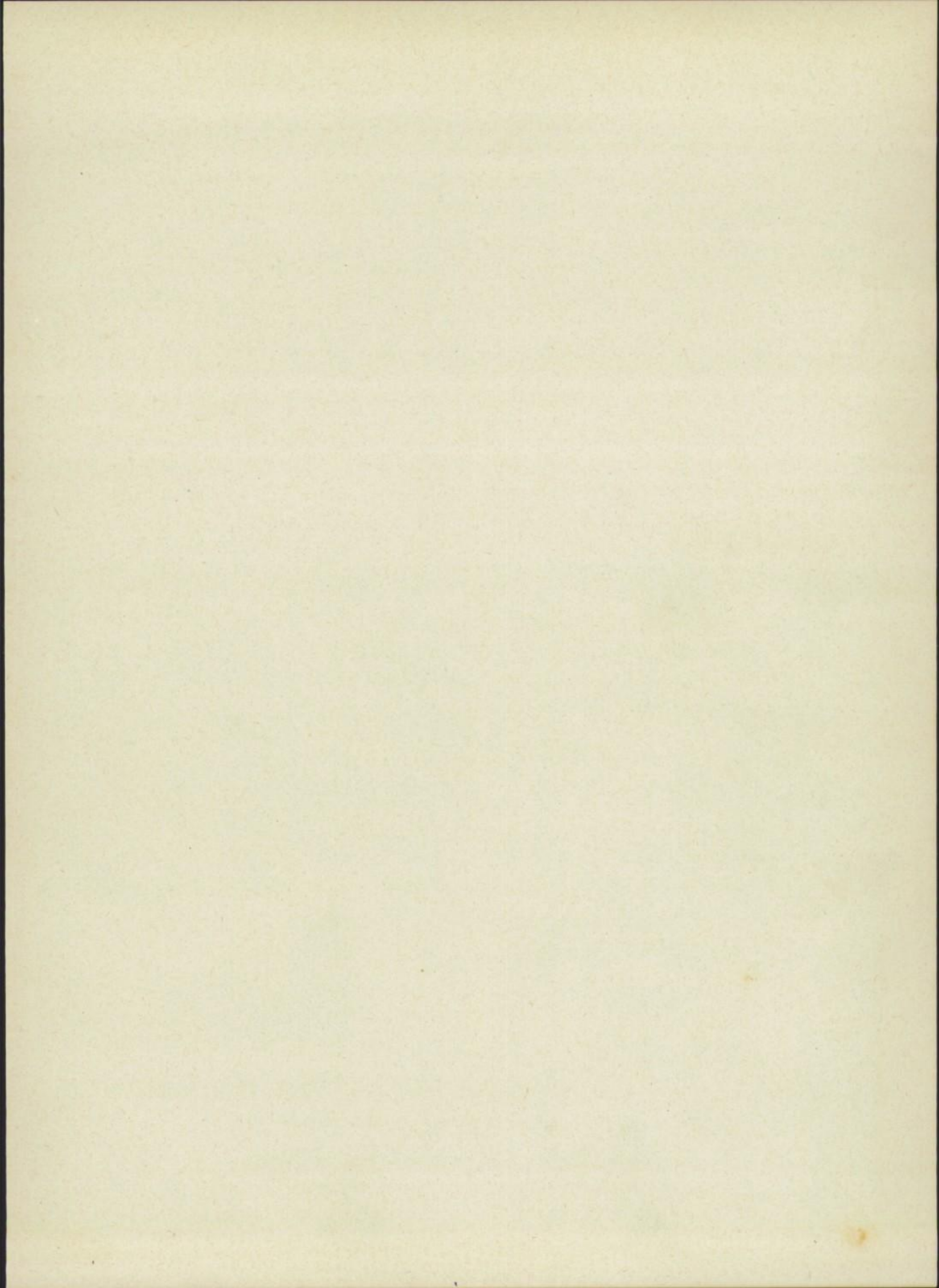
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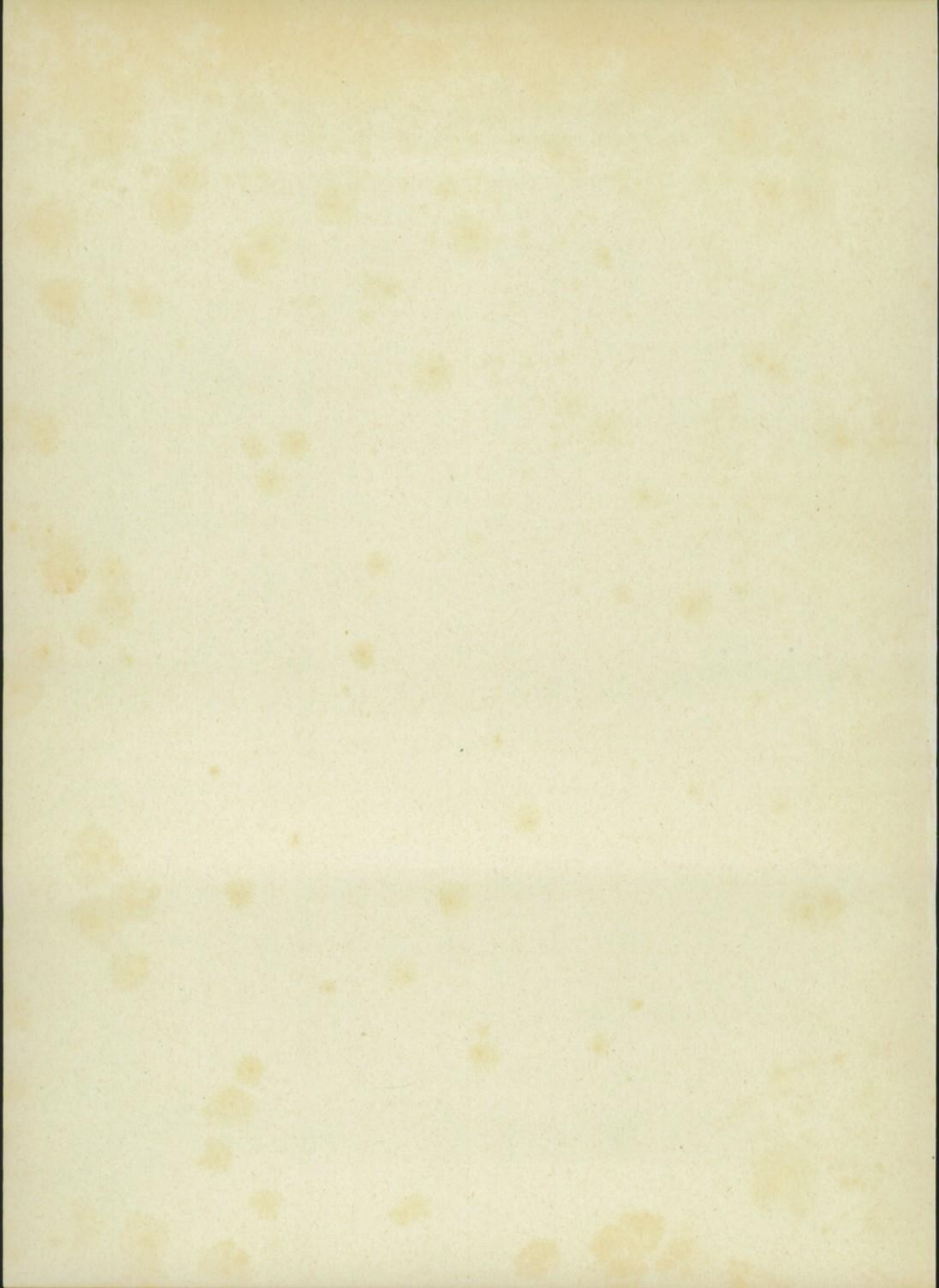














# The Chestnut Burr

by

## The Senior Class of 1953

MARY GRAMS, *Editor*

MARY THOMAS, *Asst.*



## Middletown High School

### Middletown, Maryland



# A MESSAGE TO THE SENIORS

It is my task and privilege to write a word for the 1953 Yearbook. I say task, because, as I gather experience, it seems increasingly difficult to know what words will give direction to the lives of you who leave our schools for endeavor in other fields.

When one thinks of the possibilities of youth in this great age, it is little wonder that oldsters should become awed and unpretentious. As one realizes your potentialities and your possibilities, one should be profoundly humble.

Doubtless some of your names will be eligible for "Who's Who," while your former teachers are picking daisies in the Elysian Fields.



HERBERT F. DAVIS, Principal

Much is required of youth in this atomic age. Much can be and must be accomplished if our civilization is to survive. Your thinking must be done in a channel that promotes the betterment of man. You must not have a distorted vision such as Fuchs or Hiss possessed.

It is often more important to move steadily and unrelentingly on the right course rather than to move with such haste that one loses sight of its proper direction.

Pin your faith to a force outside yourself, a force that causes all of us to make our "reach exceed our grasp," as Browning once said.

Early in our lives we must begin to build a way of life or philosophy which helps us to steer a straight and steady course always in the right direction. Do not be wishy-washy, willy-nilly, tossed about by every little breeze that blows. Upon life's voyage set your sails for the course and steer your vessel with a steady hand.

They tell a story about a fellow down in Tennessee. He plowed the field with a pair of oxen. He would holler "gee" and "haw" at them but they paid no attention to him. "Then go wherever you please. The whole field has got to be plowed anyway."

Our philosophy should harmonize in our lives in such a way that it enables us to get on well with our fellowmen. It keeps us on our course. We are not susceptible to the lure of the imaginary and the artificial when there is calm and poise within ourselves. My wish for your future is that you may always possess a fair mind, a well integrated personality, and a steer in the direction of bettering the world for mankind.





## Dedication

We, the Senior Class of Middletown High School, dedicate the 1953 "Chestnut Burr" to the first staff of this year-book, which had its beginning twenty-five years ago.

To the staff members—Madeline Harshman, editor-in-chief; Josephine Toms, secretary; Meredith Flook and Emmert Bowlus, associate editors; and Lewis Lamar, Max Smith, Frances Ahalt, Fred Hutzell, and Pauline Grossnickle, assistants—we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks for their untiring efforts and courage in publishing for the first time the "Chestnut Burr."



## History of the "Chestnut Burr"

The "Chestnut Burr" was published for the first time by the Senior Class of 1928, whose officers were president, Eleanor Weagley; vice president, Madeline Harshman; secretary, Evelyn Young; treasurer, Meredith Flook; historian, Catherine Hauver; and poet, Lewis Lamar.

At that time, R. E. Kieeny was principal, and other faculty members were Wilbur Devilbiss, William Hauver, Edna Lighter, Charles Remsberg, Mary Rhoads, Lillian Stalling, and Lorraine Thomas. To this faculty, who helped so wonderfully with the first publication of the "Chestnut Burr," the first yearbook was dedicated.

The first "Chestnut Burr" contained snapshots and write-ups of the faculty, classes, clubs, and sports, as well as snapshots of class rooms and familiar scenes around school; the class ode, history, poem, will, and prophecy; programs of graduation exercises; a record of those receiving medals awarded at graduation; a copy of the Senior Class Play, "Cyclone Sally"; and newspaper clippings concerning school activities.

Until 1950, there was each year only one bound copy of the "Chestnut Burr," all the work being done by hand. These copies are kept in the school office, where the alumni are welcome to come and look through them. In 1950 the **School Photo Service, Inc.**, Kansas City, Mo., published the "Chestnut Burr" as we now know it, making it possible for each student to purchase a copy. The annuals of 1951 and 1952, as well as the present edition, were published by the Valley Register Publishers. Each year, a marked improvement can be found in our high school treasure.

To the class, yearbook staff, and faculty of 1928, we owe the ever-growing yearbook which is dear to all our hearts. They were the pioneers of the "Chestnut Burr," which will always be cherished by students of Middletown High School.



# *Faculty*



CATHARINE H. AHALT  
Social Studies and Core



LOUIS F. AHALT  
Agriculture



CLARA M. BREWER  
Guidance



GEORGE O. CHADWICK  
Mathematics, English, Science



PATRICIA G. CUMMINGS  
Art and Crafts



EVELYN F. S. DAVIS  
Core and Science



## *Faculty*



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Science



RUTH C. GARDNER

Secretary



CARROLL L. HORINE

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ROBERT H. LAYMAN

Industrial Arts



C. ELIZABETH McCAFFREY

Commercial



ALICE M. MOSER

Social Studies and Psychology



# *Faculty*



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CHARLOTTE G. PALMER

Core and Mathematics



ELIZABETH R. PALMER

English



WILLIAM E. PEACHER, JR.

Core, Mathematics, Science



BEN A. REIBICZ

Latin, French and English



MARGARET E. ROHRER

Librarian



## *Faculty*



DORIS L. SIMPSON

Music



NELLIE B. SMITH

Mathematics, Junior Business



PAULINE C. VAN PELT

Core and Mathematics



DOROTHY D. WILSON

Home Economics





SENIORS



## *The Senior Officers*



LEE ROPP, President

DELORES HORINE—Secretary

CHARLES GOUKER, Vice-President

DONALD GAVER—Treasurer

### **Motto**

"Great Things Thru'  
Greatest Efforts Are Achiev'd"

### **Flower**

Red Rose

### **Hymn**

"God Of Our Fathers"

### **Colors**

Red and White



## The Seniors



DAVID PATRICK  
ALLEN

Definitely a handy man  
Pleasing personality  
Ambitious type



SANDRA ANNE  
BASSFORD

Sociable with everyone  
Ambitious  
Basketball forward



CATHERINE BIDLE

Clever dresser  
Beautiful handwriting



SHIRLEY ANN  
BOWLING

Smiles galore  
A likeable lass  
Brown hair



JOSEPH ALFRED  
BOYER

Jolly soul  
Amazing line  
Beaming smile



LORRAINE MAE  
BRANDENBURG

Lots of fun  
Modest girl  
Black hair and green eyes



MARVIN OSCAR  
BRANDENBURG

Mechanically-minded  
Obliging friend to all  
"Brandy" to many



BETTY LOUISE  
BROWN

Bursting with jokes  
Lovely blonde hair  
Big, blue eyes



PAUL DAVID  
BRUNNER

Popular  
Dandy athlete  
"Buck" to his friends



MARIANNA MAE  
BUSSARD

Mischievous  
Modest lass  
Baseball fan



SHIRLEY ANN  
BUTLER

Short and cute  
Athletic  
Bashful



JOHN KENDERSON  
CASTLE

Jazz lover  
Keen French student  
Comical lad



## The Seniors



JOANN MARIE  
CLARK

Jolly classmate  
Member of Glee Club  
Courteous lass



DONNA FAE COVEY

Dignified  
Friend of many  
Calm, cool, collected



GEORGE NOAH  
DELAUTER

Gay lad  
Nice to all  
Dandy hunter



GENE LEMUEL  
DOUB

Graceful dancer  
Loads of fun  
Daring young  
Republican



MARY ANN DRAPER

Merry always  
Athletic whiz  
Daring, good sport



DELPHIN LEE  
FRUSHOUR

Dark, wavy hair  
Loyal friend  
Forthcoming business  
man



BERNARD LEE  
FUNK

Bright personality  
Lover of the Air Force  
Friendly to everyone



DONALD GENE  
GAVER

"Donk"-class treasurer  
Great athlete  
Good looking



JOYCE EVA GAVER

Joyful girl  
Energetic  
Glittering brown eyes



DAVID PATTON  
GILROY

Dodger fan  
"Pat" to us  
Glowing black hair



CHARLES HOWARD  
GOUKER

Clerk in a bank  
Hearty and healthy  
Genial



MARY VIRGINIA  
GRAMS

Marriage ahead  
Very musical  
Gay



## The Seniors



MARY ALICE  
GUYTON

Music lover  
A very nice girl  
Good natured



FREDA LOUISE  
HAGAN

Full of life  
Lover of fun  
Happy-go-lucky



SANDRA SUE  
HOFFMASTER

"Spotlight" editor  
Super in mathematics  
Helpful to all



DOROTHY  
LORRAINE HUFFER

"Dottie" to her friends  
Lover of knitting  
Happy all the time



DELORES JEAN  
HORINE

Dandy personality  
Joyful in class  
Hearty laugh



FRIEDHELM W.  
JACOBS  
Friend of all  
Wonderful personality  
Jovial in chemistry lab.



WANDA ELIZABETH  
KELLER

Winning ways  
Energetic  
Keen at teasing



WILLIAM CHARLES  
KEPLER

Willing to help  
Captain of a Ford  
"Kep" to his friends



DONALD SHAFER  
KINNA

Devilish  
Studious in English  
Keen sense of humor



MARILYN JUNE  
LEATHERMAN

Merry lass  
Just plain "Meg"  
Likeable girl



MARY REBECCA  
LUDY

Merry at all times  
"Record girl" in Phys.  
Ed.  
Light-hearted



RACHEL JOHANNA  
LUDY

Real mathematician  
Jester in her classes  
Lilting' laugh



## The Seniors



PAUL BERNARD  
MAIN

Personality supreme  
Bashful  
Merry lad



DORIS JUNE  
MARTIN

Delightful personality  
Jovial comrade  
Mischievous



CHARLES GROVER  
MILLER

Carefree  
Gallant Romeo  
Member of many  
teams



SHIRLEY ANN  
MILLER

Spirited in sports  
Always ready for  
laughs  
Meg of "Little Women"



BETTY JEAN  
NEWMAN

Beautiful alto voice  
Jolly  
Nurse to be



LEONA MAE  
NORRIS

Lovely voice  
Marriage in the future  
Neat



BERNARD GLENN  
PALMER

Beaming personality  
Good judgment  
Polite at all times



MARJORIE JOANN  
PEASLEE

Many friends  
Joggling brown curls  
Petite lass



JOHN K. PEASLEE

Just and honest  
Kind in all his ways  
Personality good



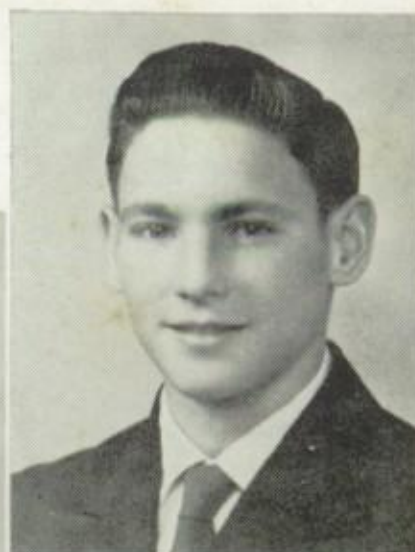
DORIS JACQUELYN  
PRYOR

Delightful personality  
"Jackie" to us  
Prize joker



LAWRENCE  
EDWARD RICKETTS

Loyal to his work  
Ever friendly  
Real comic fan



MAYNARD LEE  
ROPP

Minstrel end man  
Leader of class of '53  
Rugged in sports



## The Seniors



FRED WILES RUDY

Friendly  
Whiz in science  
Realistic ideas



MARILYN LAMBERT  
RUDY

"Moddy" to her friends  
Loyal student  
Reliable



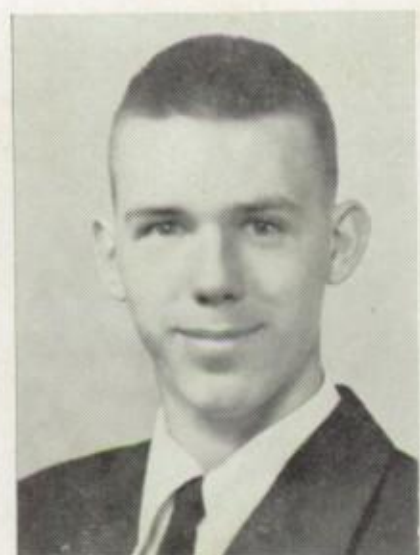
DORIS JEAN  
SCHROYER

Democrat of senior  
class  
Jade green eyes  
Sunny disposition



DWAYNE MARLIN  
SMITH

Dandy carpenter  
Magnetic personality  
Successful



AUSTIN CLAUDE  
STOCKMAN

Admirer of French  
Careful observer  
"Sup" to his friends



JAMES EDMOND  
THOMAS

"Jimmy," a handsome  
guy  
Eisenhower of senior  
class  
Thoughtful lad



MARY A. THOMAS

Musical  
Active in school events  
Thoughtful



GRACE MARCELINE  
TOMS

Good in Home Ec.  
Many friends  
Talkative



JUNE IRENE TOMS

Jubilant lass  
Ideal homemaker  
Truly a doll



ELINORA FRANCES  
WILES

Earnest in her tasks  
Future farmer's wife  
Whiz in Home Ec.







# CLASS HISTORY

Dear Diary,

The honor of recording the events of our four years of high school has been bestowed upon me. The years have brought us joy mingled with sorrow, dear Diary. However, in spite of all disappointments, we realize that much has been achieved, and it is with a deep feeling of gratitude and appreciation to everyone, that I record these, the outstanding events of the years.

September 9, 1949

Today seventy-nine eager students joyfully threw open the doors of Middletown High School to begin four years as high school students.

Whispers, restlessness, and excitement were replaced by stillness as the stroke of the gavel announced that Nine A had chosen for its president, Johnna Rice; vice president, Wanda Keller; secretary-treasurer, Delores Horine. Nine B quickly relayed this word that it had elected Jimmy Thomas as president; Donald Gaver, vice president; Dwayne Smith, secretary-treasurer.

December 12, 1949

Hurrah! Sandra Hoffmaster was delightfully surprised when she was awarded first place in the state Flannel Garment Contest and learned she would soon receive a twenty-five dollar savings bond.

March 31, 1950

Tonight, with knees knocking and voices trembling, we presented the operetta, "Green Cheese." So that you won't forget some of the talented students, here is the cast: Jimmy Sherreff, Edward Fisher; Johann von Bimmer, Jimmy Thomas; Trini Schultz, Mary Grams; Hans, Delphin Frushour; Frieda, Freda Hagan; Peter Schultz, John Castle.

September 9, 1950

Some people say sophomores are slow, but you should have seen us today, Diary. We gay little sophomores had quite a rapid election. Ten A elected for president, Edward Fisher; vice president, Mary Grams; secretary-treasurer, Delores Horine. Ten B elected Jane Wolfe, president; Donald Gaver, vice president; Frances Wiles, secretary-treasurer.

September 20, 1950

Today we walked around in a dazed state of grief, for during the night Elwood Frushour, one of our class mates, died. I hope, Diary, that I won't have to enter anything else quite so sad.

September 9, 1951

We proudly marched into the auditorium this morning as Juniors, really and truly Juniors. Calm and not quite as talkative as in previous years, Eleven A elected Delores Horine, president; Delphin Frushour, vice president; Leona Norris, secretary-treasurer. Eleven B placed their election on the bulletin board, Jane Wolfe, president; Jimmy Thomas, vice president; Lee Ropp, secretary-treasurer.

Our F.H.A. is really "tops" this year, Diary. Today we were told Wanda Keller was elected State President and, not to be left out of National honors, was elected National Historian.

I almost forgot to tell you about the honor the F.F.A. received. William Kepler, during the summer, won the State Dairy Judging Contest.

October 17, 1951

Freda Hagan, Mary Grams, and some other Glee Club students left this morning for Baltimore, where they will represent Middletown in the State Chorus.



October 20, 1951

Guess what? Freda Hagan won a scholarship sponsored by the Monday Musicales of Frederick. She took the honors with her rendition of "The Laughing Song," and "Hold Thou My Hand."

October 26, 1951

"Win!" That's the eleventh grade motto. We eleventh grade girls carried it out by winning the County Championship in fieldball today.

February 11, 1952

Indeed this was a "red-letter day" in our lives for we had our desires fulfilled when we moved into the recently constructed new Middletown High School.

March 3, 1952

Hurrah! Hurrah! Oh, do I have news for you tonight! Middletown boys' basketball team, which includes Lee Ropp, Charles Miller, Charles Gouker, Donald Gaver, Paul Brunner, and Cecil Dagenhart, won County Championship for Class B. This victory made them eligible for the Sectional play-off which they won by defeating Williamsport of Washington County.

May 10, 1952

Some of the girls in our class really excel in music for Mary Grams, Freda Hagan, Leona Norris, Betty Newman and Wanda Keller were again selected to sing in the All County Chorus.

May 26, 1952

I need tooth picks to hold my eyes open tonight! We were the first class to hold a Prom in the new gymnasium. It was wonderful to dance to the music of Tommy Stup's orchestra in the gym, gaily decorated in blue and gold streamers.

September 9, 1952

At last the big day has arrived! We are seniors. We made haste to select the following for class officers: president, Lee Ropp; vice president, Charles Gouker; secretary, Delores Horine; treasurer, Donald Gaver.

Our school days have been enriched by the presence of an exchange student from Wuppertal, Germany, Friedhelm Jacobs.

October 21, 1952

Middletown took first place honors again this year, when Mary Grams won a scholarship from the Monday Musicales by singing "Deborah" and "May Night."

February 27, 1953

Hurrah! It has happened again. The boys' basketball team won County Championship in Class B League. The senior members of the team are Lee Ropp, Bernard Funk, Jimmy Thomas, Dwayne Smith, Charles Miller, Charles Gouker, and Paul Brunner.

April 10, 1953

We presented our senior minstrel tonight entitled "Moonlight Frolics." What fun!

April 17, 1953

Have you ever wanted to be in "An Old Kentucky Garden" surrounded by lovely women? If so, you would have enjoyed the operetta the senior Glee Club put on tonight.

May, 1953

I am closing and locking you, Diary, because my high schools days are ending, but before I do here is the senior schedule for our last two months in dear ole M.H.S.

May 6, 1953 County Chorus

May 15, 1953 Junior-Senior Prom in high school gymnasium. 8:00 o'clock.

May 23, 1953 "Seventeen Is Terrific" (Senior play)

June 5, 1953 Class Day

June 7, 1953 Baccalaureate Service, Zion Lutheran Church. 8:00 o'clock.

June 9, 1953 Commencement, High School Auditorium. 8:30 o'clock.



# CLASS PROPHECY

La Bonne Aventure de la Classe de '53 Dite par Mademoiselle Doris Schroyer



Pushing my way through a narrow and crowded street in gay Paris on a summer afternoon in 1965, I looked up at a brilliant Neon sign: MADAME FIFI. Under it, in smaller letters, was printed: "Si vous voulez vous faire dire la bonne aventure, venez voir Madame Fifi." Translated, it read: "If you want your future told, come to see Madame Fifi." The thought came to me that perhaps Madame Fifi could tell me the whereabouts of the dear old Seniors of 1953.

I entered a dimly lighted room where a dark but lovely young gypsy girl came up to me and invited me to be seated. In a few moments I was served "une tasse de the avec de la creme" followed by the explanation that, in the tea leaves, Madame Fifi would read of the past, present, and future of my former class mates.

When the Madame entered, she studied the leaves carefully and turned to me chanting, "I have much to tell you of the friends you hold dear; listen carefully and forget not what you hear."

She continued: "First, I see several noble souls who offered help to Uncle Sam. In the United States Navy are Bernard Main and George Delauter. The Air Force claims Bernard Funk, Charles Miller, Gene Doub, and Donald Gaver.

"Thanks to Mr. Louis Ahalt, the United States Department of Agriculture has improved greatly with the help of David Allen, Paul Brunner, Joseph Boyer, Lee Ropp, William Kepler, and John Peaslee.

"At a filling station in Frederick, I see Marvin Brandenburg filling Banker Charles Gouker's Buick with Esso gasoline.

"A businessman I see in Hagerstown — Delphin Frushour, Romeo 'de la classe francaise,' with his smiling receptionist, Doris Martin.

"Strolling down life's lane together, I see Donald Kinna and Jimmy Thomas swapping jokes.

"Making use of his high school chemistry is Fred Jacobs, a world-famous chemist.

"In room 15 in Middletown High School, I see Austin Stockman teaching French and always saying 'pardonnez-moi' to the ladies.



"The class of '53 has given to the world five excellent secretaries. I see Sandra Bassford, Doris Schroyer, Marilyn Rudy, Catherine Bidle, and Shirley Miller, seated behind large mahogany desks. In the same line, Lorraine Brandenburg works as typist — very efficient too, thanks to Miss Elizabeth McCaffrey.

"From this class, I also see four women in white who are working in various hospitals throughout Maryland. They are Donna Faye Covey, Rachel Ludy, Mary Ann Draper, and Jackie Pryor.

"Mary Alice Guyton wears the uniform of a Nurses' Aide at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

"Stitching away on a Singer sewing machine, I see Shirley Bowling, an expert hem stitcher, busy at the Frederick Tailoring Company.

"Staying at home, helping with the chores, are several girls from the class of '53. They are Delores Horine, Dorothy Huffer, and Mary Ludy.

"Working diligently at making a house a home, I see Joyce Gaver, Leona Norris, June Toms, and Frances Wiles.

"Taking the role of a minister's wife, is Mary Grams. She seems to be enjoying life in Findlay, Ohio.

"Teaching Home Economics at Middletown High School, I see Marilyn Leatherman, busy but happy in her work.

"If there is anyone here not looking her best, refer her to Marianna Bussard's Beauty Salon. It's the best in Middletown.

"Pick up your telephone receiver. Whose voice do you hear? It may belong to Freda Hagan, Betty Newman, Grace Toms, or Joann Peaslee.

"Flying through the air on wings of Trans World Airlines as a stewardess, is pretty, petite Shirley Ann Butler.

"I see Mary A. Thomas as a Home Demonstration Agent, ready with help for any home problem that you may have.

"Employed by the Potomac Edison Company in Hagerstown is JoAnn Clark, the same sweet girl as always.

"And through it all, with you to the end, is Lawrence Ricketts, mortician and friend."

After slipping a shining coin into Madame Fifi's palm, I hurried through the streets once again. This time I was filled with a great desire to write to some of the school pals whom I had left so far off in America to tell them of my experiences in Paris and how I have used my high school French to advantage.

Doris L. Schroyer



# CLASS WILL

Place: Court

Time: June 6, 1953

Judge: Mr. Herbert F. Davis

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Gardner

Jurymen: Faculty

Defendants: Seniors

Plaintiffs: Juniors



The Junior Class of 1953 has filed suit against the Senior Class on the grounds of their having too many privileges during the Senior year. The Seniors have been found guilty and the sentence is that each Senior relinquish something that he dearly treasures to some Junior.

Following are the sentences the judge placed upon each Senior:

1. I hereby sentence Mary Grams to give her vocal lessons to Marietta Summers.
2. I hereby sentence Austin Stockman to give his French ability to Shirley Moss.
3. I hereby sentence Doris Schroyer to give her role as head of the Democratic Party to Betty Schroyer.
4. I hereby sentence Bernard Palmer to give the car he never got from Robert Routzahn to Donald Schroyer.
5. I hereby sentence Betty Newman to give her width to Merle Lee Guyton.
6. I hereby sentence Mary Ann Draper and Rachel Ludy to give their position on the basketball team to Dorthalee Michael and Thelma Huffer.
7. I hereby sentence Delphin Frushour to give to Darrell Shepley his popularity with the girls.
8. I hereby sentence John Castle to give his cooking ability to Meredith Haupt.
9. I hereby sentence Frances Wiles to give her interest in photography to Raymond Minnick.
10. I hereby sentence Marianna Bussard to give to Shirley Delauter her job as attendance clerk.
11. I hereby sentence David Gilroy to give his quietness to Howard DeGrange.
12. I hereby sentence Lee Ropp to give his position on the basketball team to Wayne Ohler.
13. I hereby sentence Bernard Main and William Kepler to give their loafing places in the halls to Wendell Huffer and Robert Knill.
14. I hereby sentence Leona Norris to give her position in the lunch line to Jane Shank.
15. I hereby sentence Charles Gouker to give his black curls to Dale Frushour.
16. I hereby sentence Dorothy Huffer to give her knitting needles to Rebecca Guyton.
17. I hereby sentence Marilyn Leatherman and Lorraine Brandenburg to give their achievements in Home Economics to Dorotha Grossnickle and Janet Pryor.



18. I hereby sentence Fred Jacobs to give his pleasant smile to Wayne Guyton.
19. I hereby sentence Donald Kinna to give his role as class comedian to Carl Gue.
20. I hereby sentence Paul Brunner and Bernard Funk to give their F.F.A. jackets to Rudy Slifer and George Smith.
21. I hereby sentence Sandra Hoffmaster to give her position in F.T.A. to Edna Smith.
22. I hereby sentence Doris Martin to give her friendliness with everyone to Shirley Schroyer.
23. I hereby sentence Mary Thomas and Marilyn Rudy to give their way of getting along with teachers to Cynthia Metzger and Doris Shafer.
24. I hereby sentence Wanda Keller to give her sly way of teasing to Patricia Harshman.
25. I hereby sentence Jimmy Thomas and Donald Gaver to give their mischievousness in classes to Floyd Schildknecht.
26. I hereby sentence Mary Ludy to give her height to Lou Swope.
27. I hereby sentence Catherine Bidle to give her driver's license to Joyce Keller.
28. I hereby sentence Charles Miller to give his excuses for being late for classes to Dawson Ahalt and Tommy Bittle.
29. I hereby sentence Delores Horine to give her quiet ways to Ann Younkings and Ruth Shepley.
30. I hereby sentence Freda Hagan to give her nicely shined shoes to Bonnie Henson.
31. I hereby sentence John Peaslee to give his masculine voice to Carrollee Zecker.
32. I hereby sentence David Allen to give to Grayson Flook his good manners.
33. I hereby sentence Jacquelyn Pryor to give her height to Barbara Gladhill.
34. I hereby sentence Sandra Bassford to give her chewing gum to Anna belle Kline.
35. I hereby sentence Joseph Boyer and Marvin Brandenburg to give their wrestling ability to Mitchell Bidle and Gene Delauter.
36. I hereby sentence Betty Brown to give her slowness after gym class to Sarah Mae Gladhill and Ruthanna Lewis.
37. I hereby sentence Donna Fae Covey to give her position as square dance caller at parties to Joan Eccard.
38. I hereby sentence Fred Rudy to give his scientific ability to John Lloyd Clark.
39. I hereby sentence Shirley Miller to give her lovely teeth to Betty Baugher.
40. I hereby sentence Shirley Bowling to give her starched gym suit to Evelyn Sowers and Regean Wiles.
41. I hereby sentence Mary Alice Guyton to give the memory of her trip to New York to Janice Smith and Shirley Shoemaker.
42. I hereby sentence Grace Toms to give her sparkling eyes to Linda Shank.
43. I hereby sentence June Toms to give her petite stature to Barbara Ifert.
44. I hereby sentence Shirley Butler to give her pretty smile to Pauline Hays.
45. I hereby sentence George Delauter to give his ambition to join the Navy to Kenneth Moats.
46. I hereby sentence Dwayne Smith to give his ability in carpentry to Roger Schroyer and Harry Pryor.
47. I hereby sentence JoAnn Clark and Joann Peaslee to give their pleasing personalities to Esther Tracey.

Judge Davis, striking his gavel on the desk, declares the court session adjourned.

By Sandra Bassford



# Seniors Farewell

(CLASS POEM)

Our school life now is past and gone,  
And still we fondly linger on.  
With each heartache and joy we've known,  
The seeds of life are now well sown.

Our life before us brightly lies,  
Yet still we gaze at misty skies.  
It's here fond memory loves to dwell,  
We bid to all a sad farewell.

A nice time went away so fast,  
It seems so long but now it's past.  
Fine fellowship was what we had,  
Is that what makes a farewell sad?

Jacquelyn Pryor

Doris Schroyer

Friedhelm Jacobs



# Cheer For Class of '53!

(CLASS SONG)

We, the class of fifty-three,  
Are now prepared to meet the world.  
Cheer! Cheer! for M.H.S.  
Where we have studied, played, and toiled.  
Cheer! Cheer! for red and white.  
Our colors bright we now unfurl.  
Three cheers, rah! rah! rah!  
For our class of nineteen fifty-three.

Words: Freda Hagan, Mary Grams, Delphin Frushour

Tune: "Our Chicago" by Norman Reid









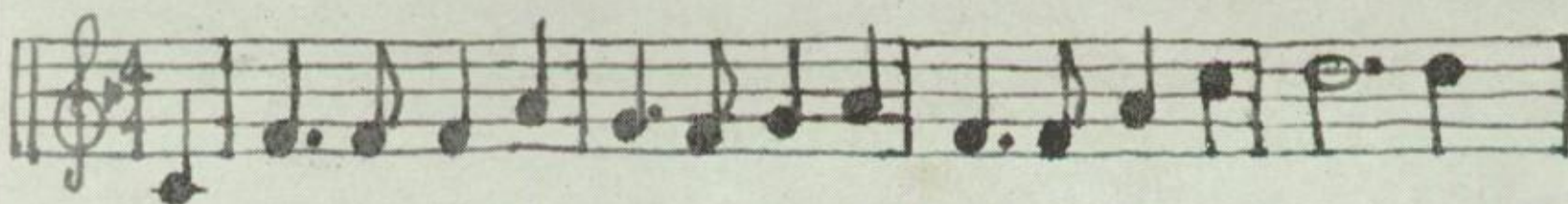




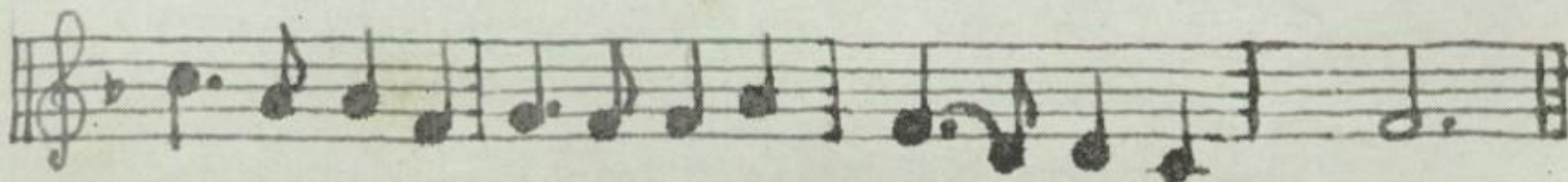




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WAYNE OHLER  
SARAH MAE GLADHILL  
DAWSON AHALT

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11B  
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} DORTHALEE MICHAEL



Mitchell  
Bidle

Thomas  
Bittle

John Lloyd  
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Joan  
Eccard

Grayson  
Flook

Dale  
Frushour

Barbara  
Gladhill

Dorothea  
Grossnickle

Carl  
Gue



# *The Juniors*



Merle Lee  
Guyton

Rebecca  
Guyton

Wayne  
Guyton

Patricia  
Harshman

Meredith  
Haupt

Pauline  
Hays



Bonnie  
Henson

Thelma  
Huffer

Barbara  
Ifert

Reginald  
Johnson

Joyce  
Keller

Annabelle  
Kline



Robert  
Knill

Ruthanna  
Lewis

Richard  
Mann

Cynthia  
Metzger

Raymond  
Minnick

Kenneth  
Moats



Shirley  
Moss

Wayne  
Ohler

Harry  
Pryor

Janet  
Pryor

Floyd  
Schildknecht

Betty  
Schroyer



# The Juniors



Donald  
Schroyer

Roger  
Schroyer

Shirley  
Schroyer

Doris  
Shafer

Jane  
Shank

Darrell  
Shepley



Ruth  
Shepley

Shirley  
Shoemaker

Rudy  
Slifer

Edna  
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George  
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Janice  
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Evelyn  
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Swope

Esther  
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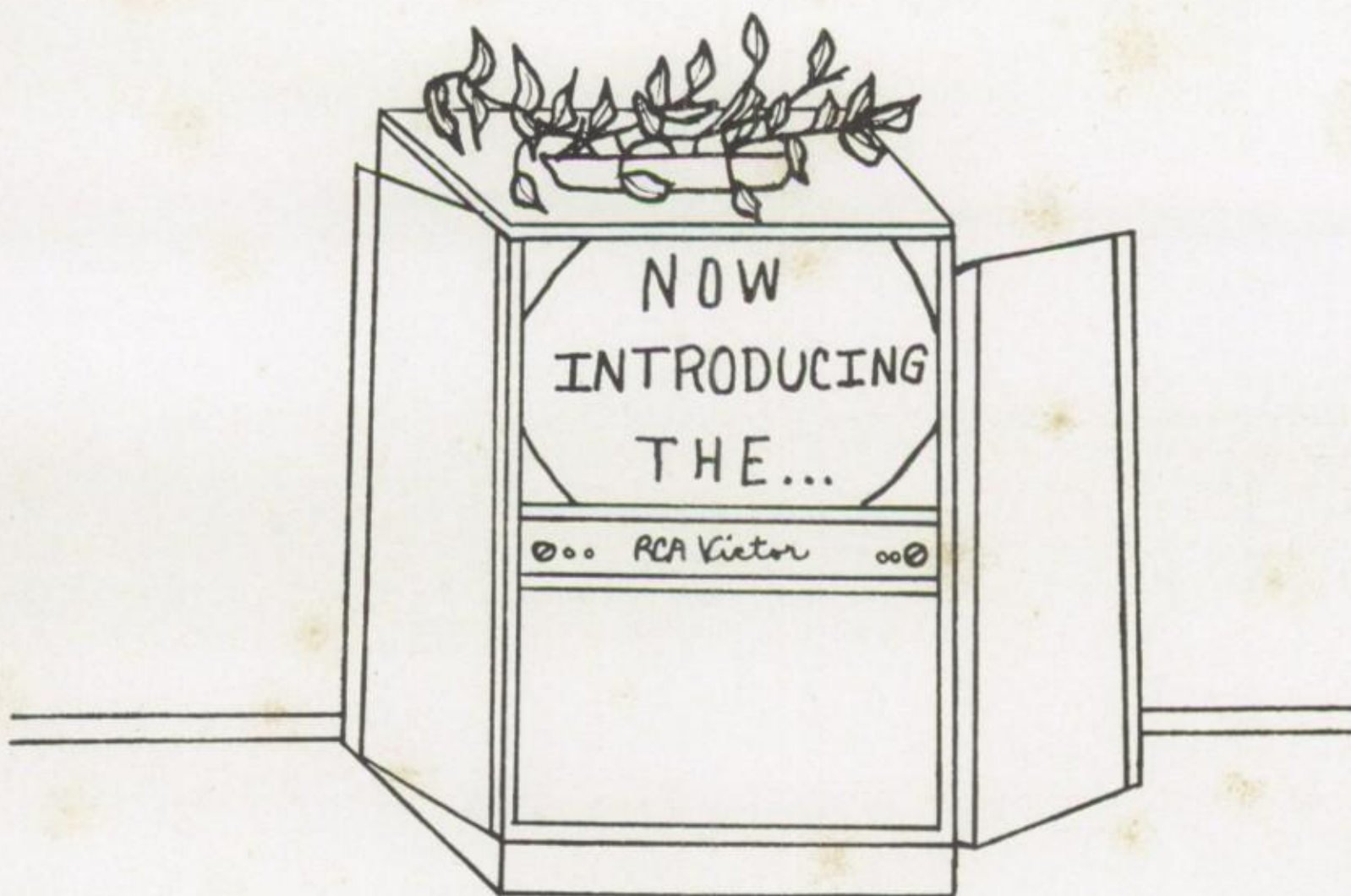
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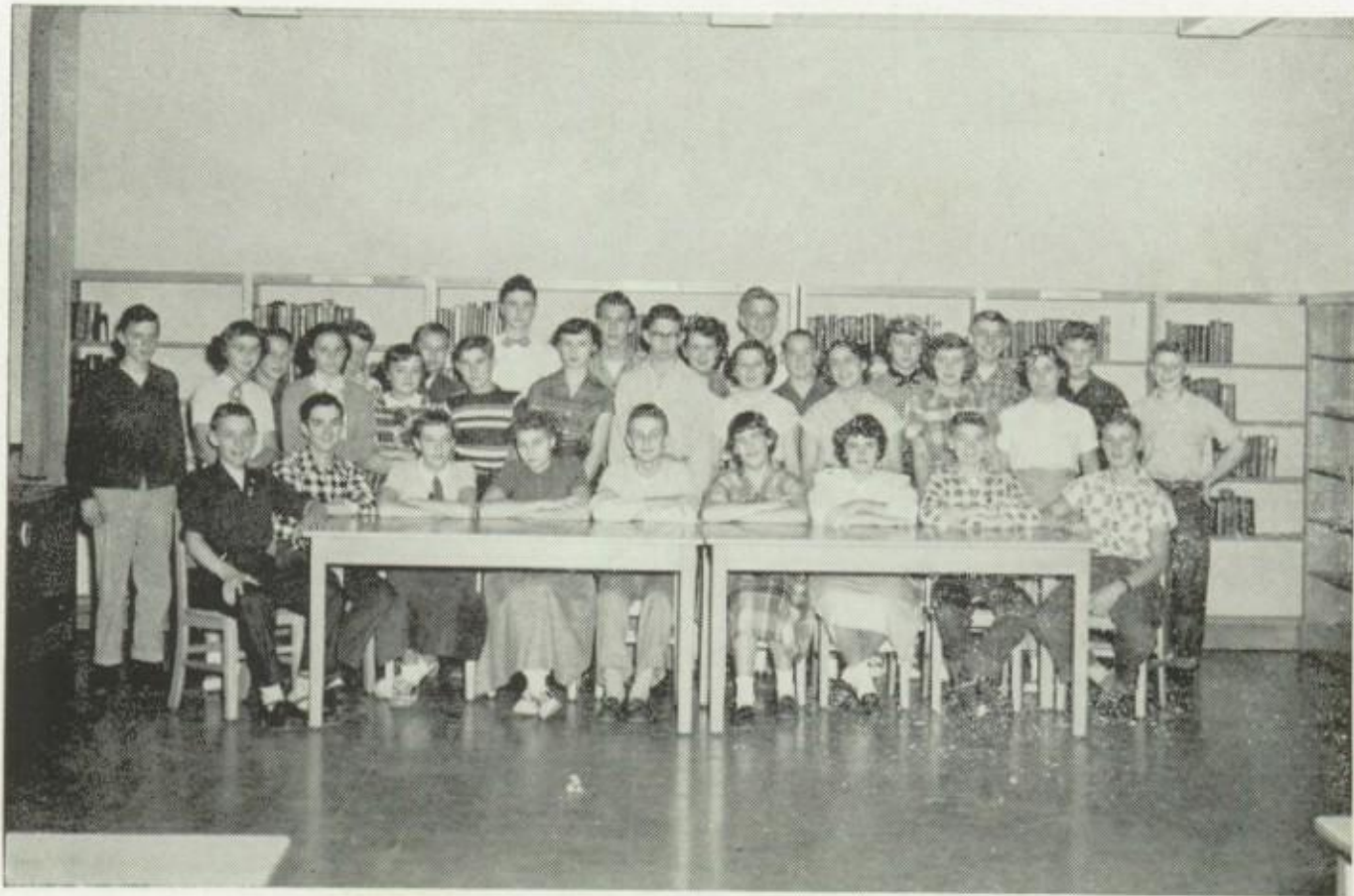




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### 8C

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Secretary—YVONNE RICE  
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## *The Sophomores*



The Sophomore Class was divided into three sections, each having a homeroom advisor as follows:

10A—Miss Alice Moser

10B—Mr. Ben Reibicz

10C—Mr. Robert Layman





## *The Freshmen*



Mrs. Evelyn Davis was the advisor of the 9A section; Miss Clara Brewer, 9B. Mrs. Juanita Hartle, who advised 9C the first part of the school year, was succeeded by Mr. George Chadwick.





## *The Eighth Grade*



The eighth grade was divided into three classes. Mrs. Catharine Ahalt was homeroom advisor of 8A; Mr. William Peacher, 8B; and Miss Patricia Cummings, 8C.





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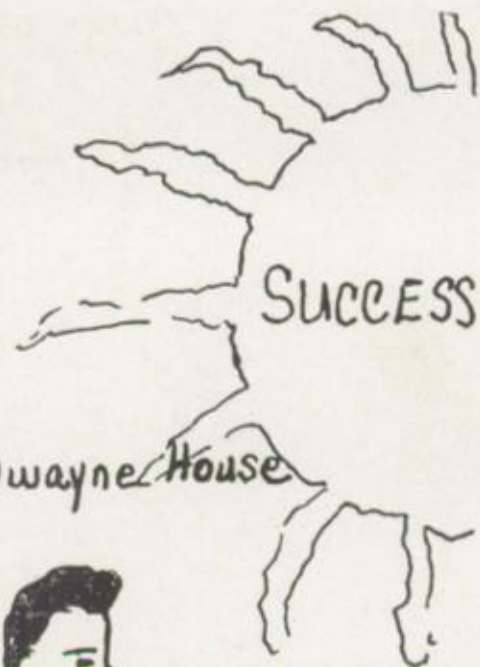


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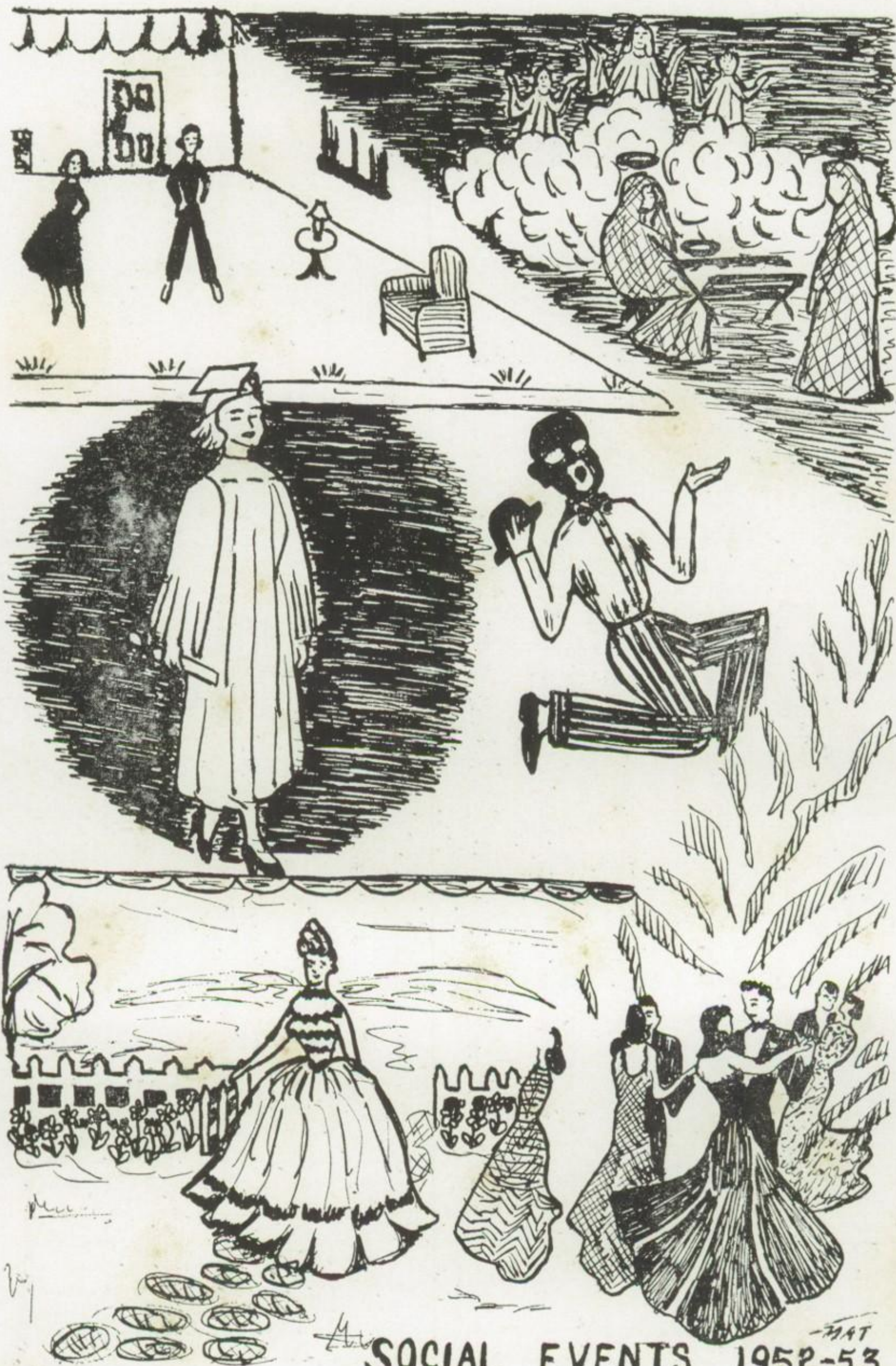
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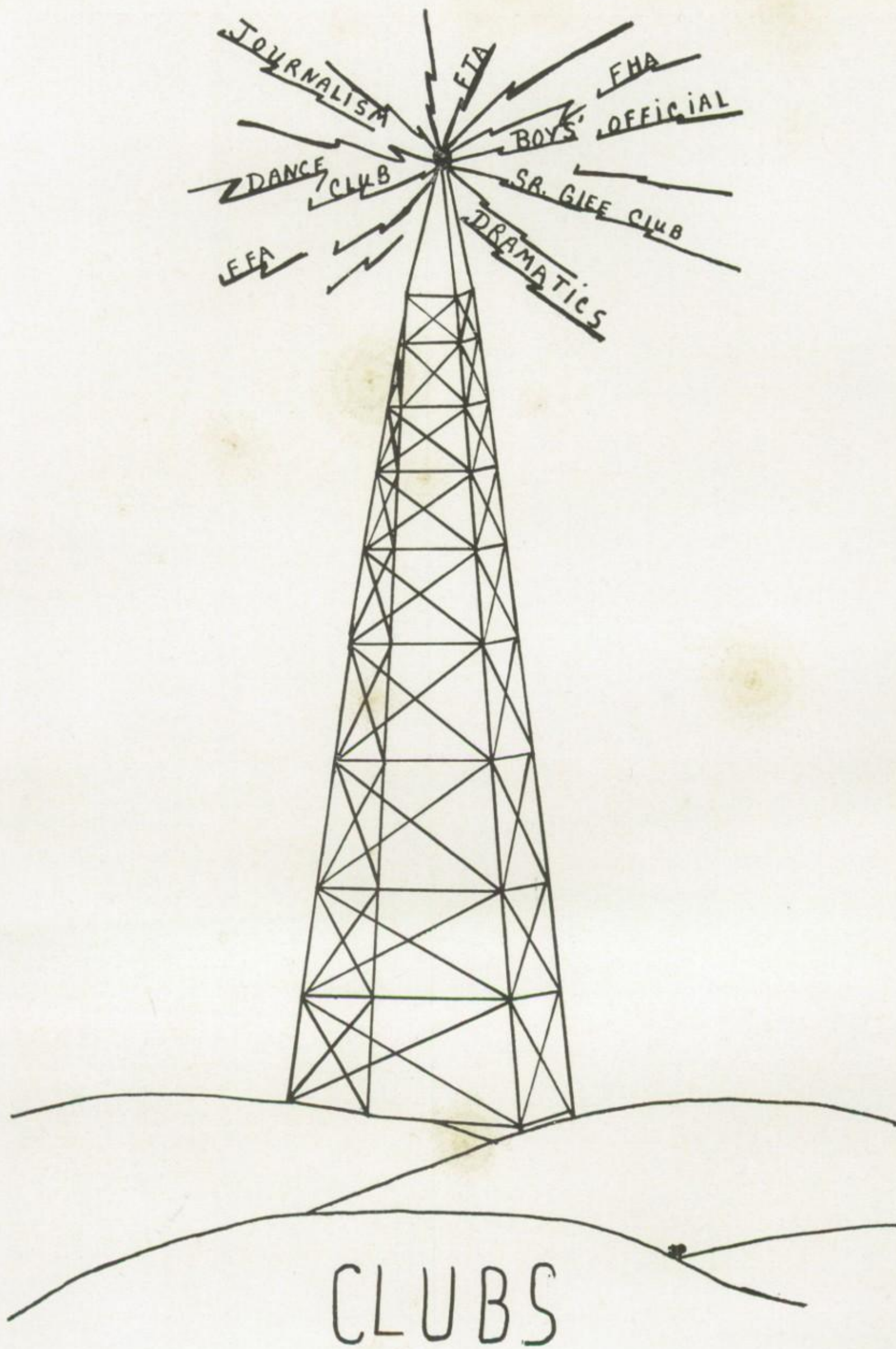
















### "CHESTNUT BURR" STAFF

This group sponsored the school annual for 1953. Miss Elizabeth Palmer and Miss Clara Brewer carefully guided the work of the staff. Mary Grams was editor-in-chief with Mary Thomas as her assistant.

Although the publication of the annual is a tremendous task, the activities involved provided good experience for all who helped with this book of fond memories.



### JOURNALISM CLUB

The Journalism Club, under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Palmer, published the school paper, "The Spotlight," four times during the year. Busy reporters, conscientious editors and efficient copyists made our paper a great success.





## GLEE CLUB

The Senior Glee Club is composed of selected voices from the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. Projects of this club were the Christmas assembly, the operetta, "An Old Kentucky Garden," and participating in the All County Chorus and graduation exercises. Miss Doris Simpson was director, and Mary Grams and Mary Thomas were the accompanists.



## ORCHESTRA

The high school orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Charles C. T. Stull, assembled once a week for rehearsal. Besides serving as a means of furthering its members' musical knowledge, it also furnished music at the biggest event of the school year, the graduation exercises.





## DANCE BAND

Under the direction of Miss Betty McCaffrey, a new group, the Dance Band, was organized. The members diligently practiced currently popular songs. They hope that in the near future they will be able to play for parties or even accept engagements to perform at social functions of other schools. The venture has proved a pleasant experience for those concerned.



## SOCIAL DANCE CLUB

The Social Dance Club met for the purpose of learning and practicing dancing etiquette. Its members learned to waltz, fox trot, and tango.





## SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The members of the Square Dance Club, which met each Monday under the direction of Miss Betty McCaffrey and Miss Doris Simpson, was very successful in learning to do the various square dance steps.

One of the ultimate aims of the club was to have many of the students participate in the calling of the square dances.



## KNITTING CLUB

The Knitting Club, sponsored by Mrs. Catharine Ahalt, was offered to all students from the eighth through the twelfth grades. After learning a few elementary skills, the girls advanced to making scarfs, gloves, socks, and sweaters.





## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

The Future Homemakers of America Club offers opportunities for personal development of the individual member, for improving home life, for community and school betterment, and for world service. The Middletown Chapter was under the leadership of Shirley Moss, local president and state treasurer, and Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, advisor.



## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Future Farmers of America Club is an organization interested in learning better methods of farming. Agriculture students in the ninth through the twelfth grades are automatic members. The officers were president, Lee Ropp; vice-president, William Kepler; secretary, Charles Gouker; treasurer, Bernard Funk.





## BOYS' COOKING CLUB

The Boys' Cooking Club, better known as the Chefs' Club, is one of the most interesting clubs offered to the boys. In this club, the members, from the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades, made pies, cakes, candy, and many other delicious things to eat. Cooking provides many worthwhile experiences as well as a good future vocation. The boys were very fortunate to have Mrs. Wilson as their instructor.



## INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLUB

This club has proved so popular that many students were refused membership. Club members may choose projects from the following fields: leathercraft, woodwork, metal work, and plastics.

These officers are chosen to help enforce shop rules: supervisor, foreman, safety engineer, and clerk.





## ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUBS

Several arts and crafts clubs were sponsored by Miss Patricia Cummings. Their activities were numerous and varied: working with gimp and plastic, life drawing, sketching, poster making, costume designing, and portrait drawing.



## SCIENCE CLUB

The Senior Science Club, sponsored by Mr. Ross Foltz, enjoyed many programs and field trips planned by its members. The club consisted of twenty-six members this year. Some of the activities included a trip to the State Police Station, Barracks B, watching movies on safety, and hearing a talk on fire safety by Mr. Toms, the forest warden.





## LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club consisted of twenty students who assisted in the library routines, and participated in the activities of the Maryland Council of Student Library Clubs. The Book Fair, held in November, was a project which the club plans to repeat each year.



## BOOK CLUB

Members of the Book Club enjoyed pleasure reading under the supervision of Miss Alice Moser. This club enables its members to obtain many new books and good literature. During the year, the group visited the C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick.





## JUNIOR RED CROSS COUNCIL

The Junior Red Cross Council is composed of representatives from each homeroom as well as students who were members last year. This group guides the work of the Junior Red Cross Club, under the direction of Miss Pauline Van Pelt.



## FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

The Future Teachers of America Club, under the supervision of Miss Clara Brewer, is now in its third year. The purpose of this club is to create interest in teaching and to better acquaint students with the profession. The members gain experience in teaching by substituting in the elementary school. They have also attended both County and State meetings.





## DRAMATIC CLUB

This club, under the supervision of Miss Clara Brewer and Mr. B. A. Reibicz, was divided into two sections, one composed of senior class members; the other of Juniors.

The senior group presented two one act plays, "Little Red School House," and the "White Phantom"; one three-act play, "Little Women"; a minstrel, "Moonlight Frolics," and the senior play, "Seventeen Is Terrific."

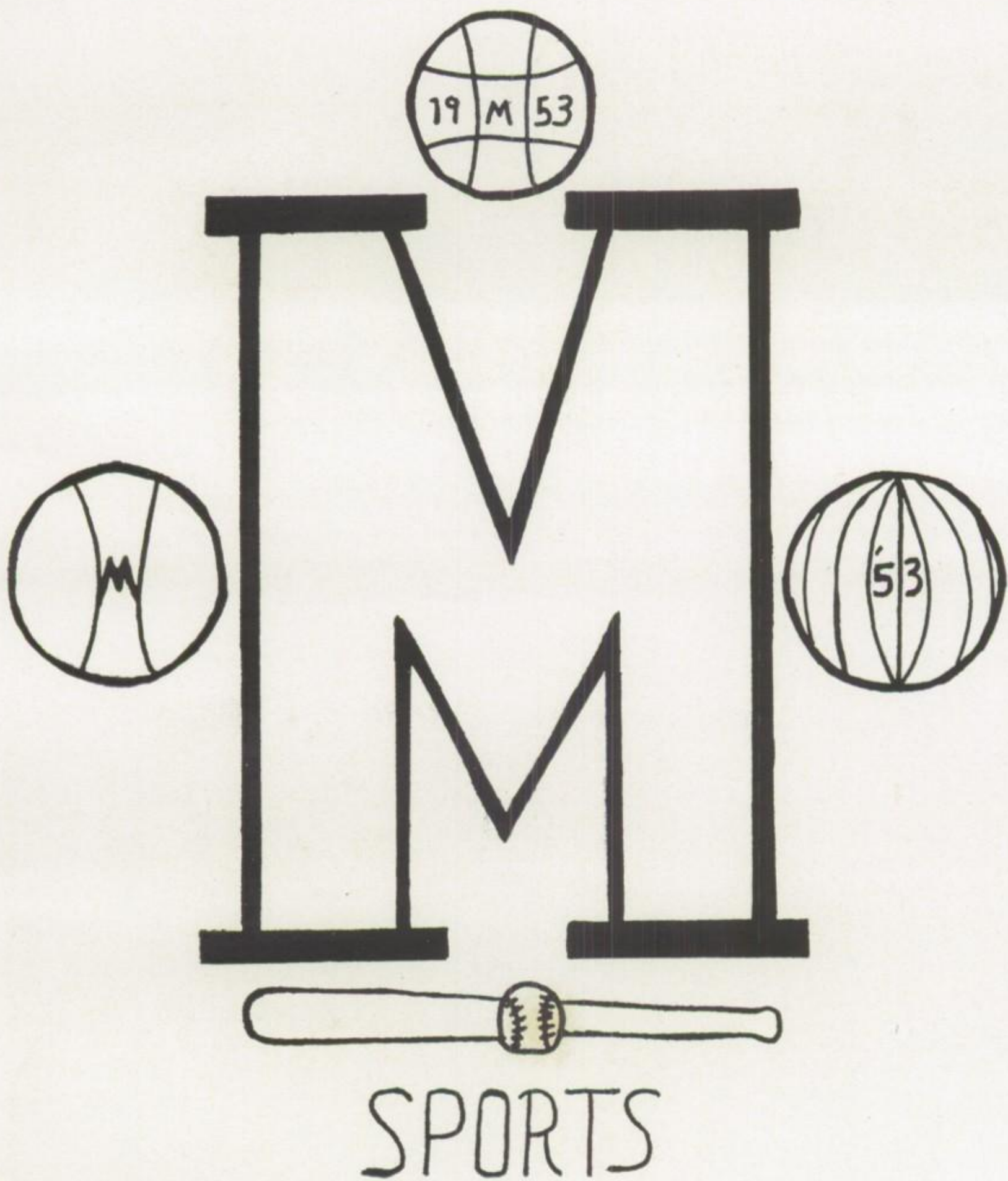
Four one-act plays were given by the junior class club: "There's a Ghost in the House," "Christmas Gift," "There's Money in Witchcraft" and "Society Page."



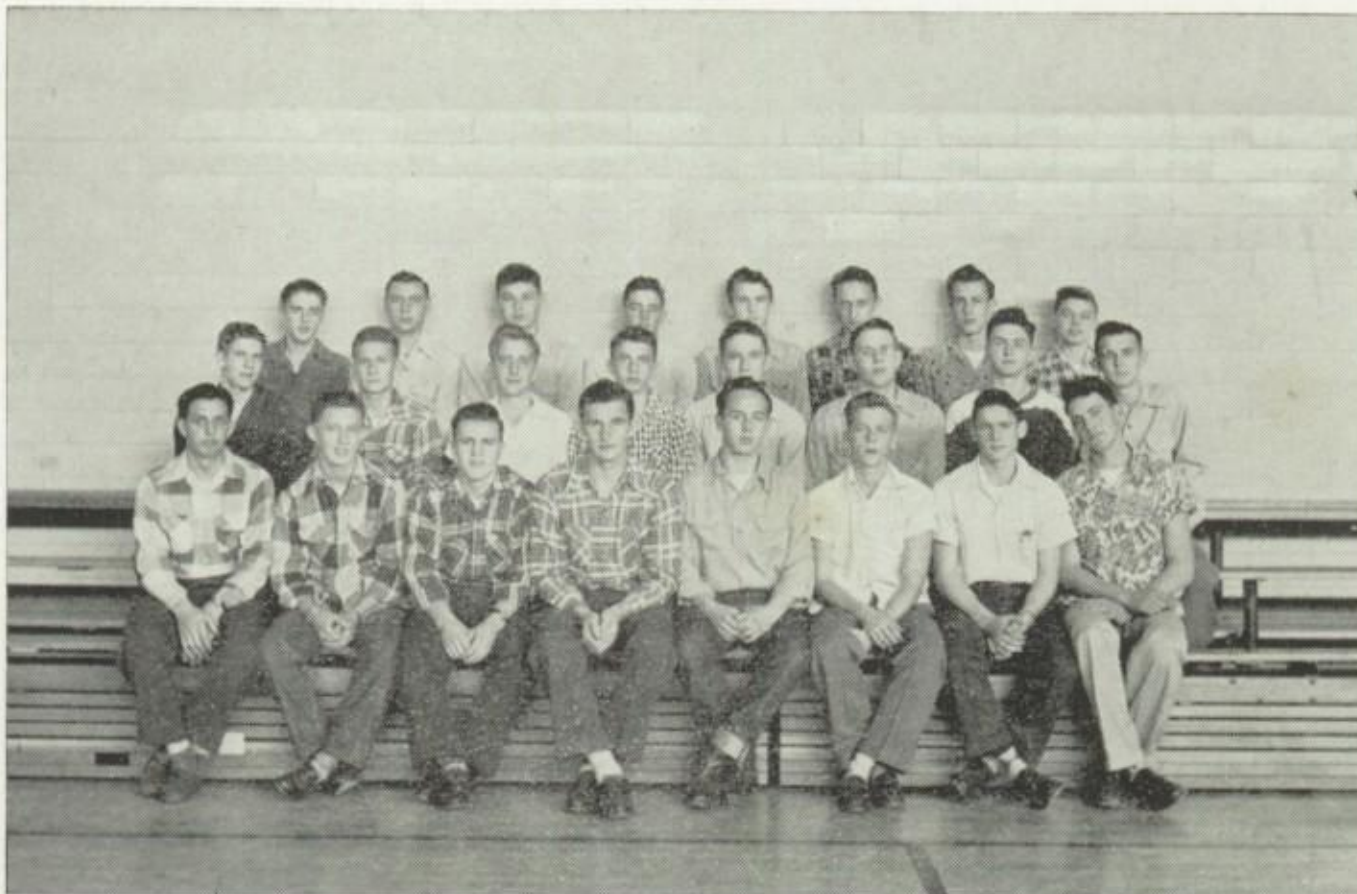
### "LITTLE WOMEN"

This old classic by Louisa May Alcott was wonderfully lived on the stage by nine girls from the club. The four "Little Women" were Meg, Shirley Miller; Jo, Mary Thomas; Beth, Mary Grams, and Amy, Wanda Keller.



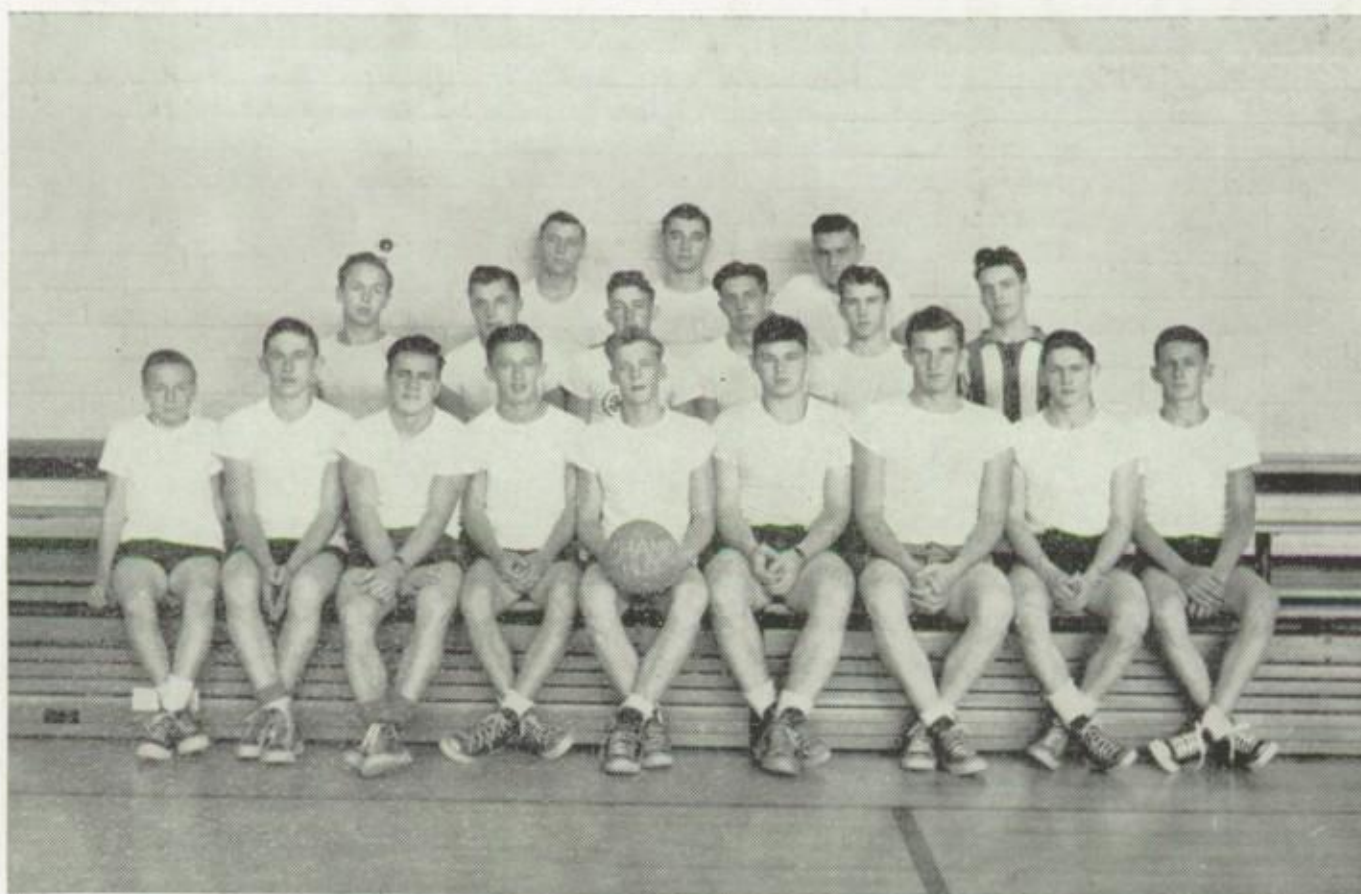






## BOYS' OFFICIAL CLUB

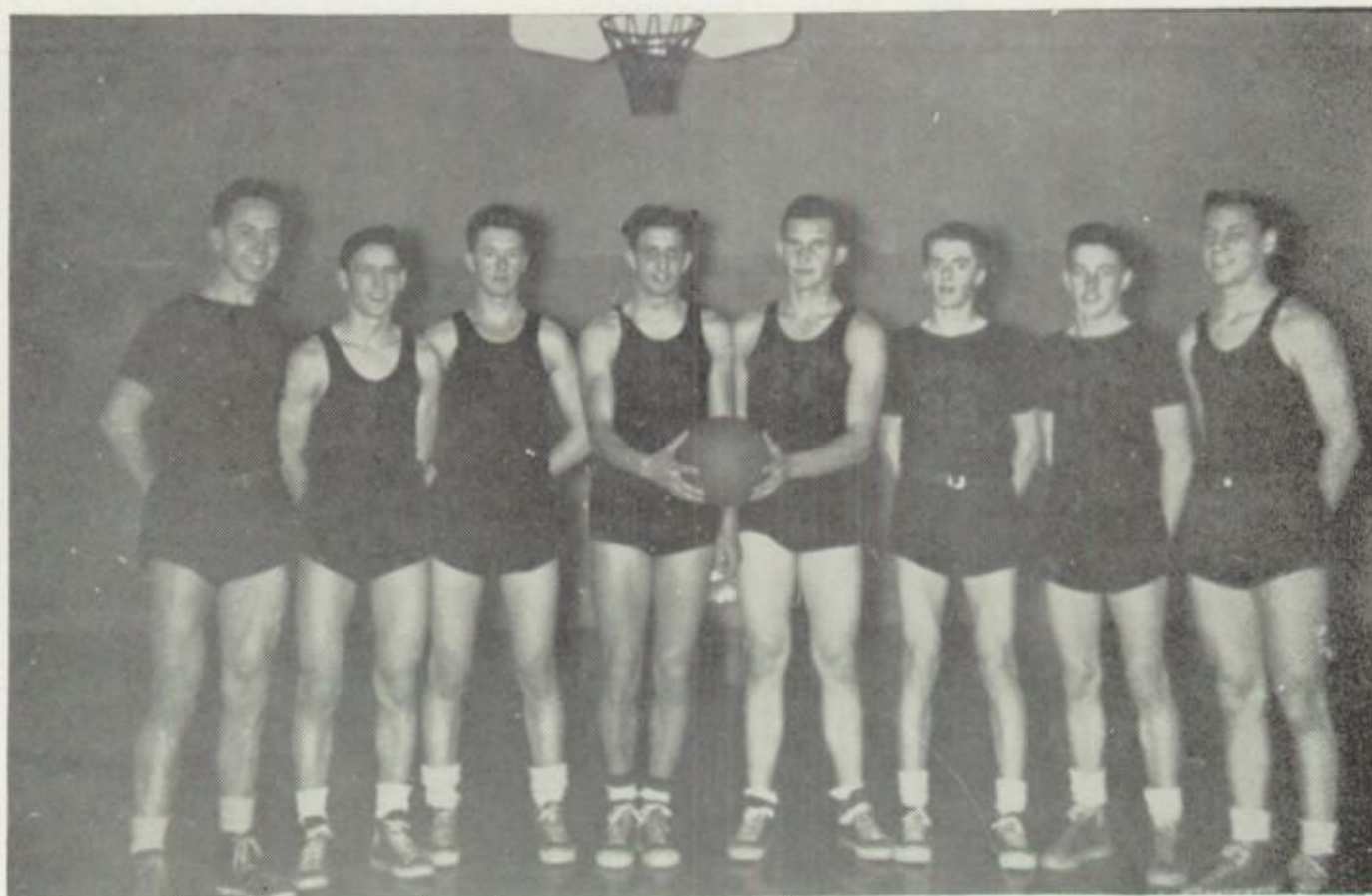
The boys' sports official club, under the supervision of athletic coach, Carroll Horine, was composed of about twenty athletes who assembled each week to practice and learn the fine points of various sports.



## SOCCKER TEAM

For the third consecutive year, the Middletown High soccer team fought its way to the county championship. This year's team was undefeated. They won over Brunswick, Walkersville, Emmitsburg, Thurmont, Boonsboro, and tied with Frederick. They scored sixteen goals to their opponents' seven.

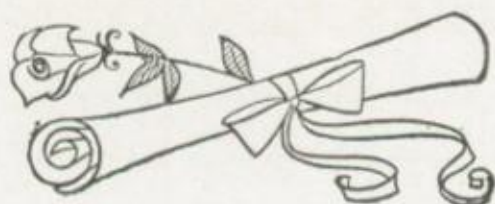




## BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The Middletown High School Varsity highlighted an action-packed basketball season by winning the County Class B championship for the fifth consecutive season. The championship race was a terrific battle this year, with Middletown winning it as they defeated Brunswick, 43-41, in a play-off game. The team then traveled to Cumberland for a two-day regional elimination tournament, and won over Hancock in the first round of play. Bruce High School of Cumberland defeated M. H. S. in the finals, and later went on to win the State Title.

M. H. S. had a season record of 17-6 and the season was considered the most successful in recent years.







## BASEBALL TEAM

As usual, the Middletown High School baseball team played many interesting and close games. The team played six games in the course of the season. The schedule was as follows:

April 23	M. H. S. at Frederick
May 5	Walkersville at M. H. S.
May 7	M. H. S. at Thurmont
May 13	M. H. S. at Emmitsburg
May 21	Brunswick at M. H. S.



## GIRLS' OFFICIAL CLUB

These girls met under the supervision of Mrs. Nancy Mullen for the purpose of learning to officiate at games of the different seasons, the main one being basketball. The members received practice in physical education classes and during intra-mural games. This club was composed of twenty-two members.





## GIRLS' FIELDBALL TEAM

At the Fieldball Tournament which was held at Frederick High School on October 29, Middletown had two teams. Team 1 consisted of Seniors and Team 2 consisted of Juniors. Team 2 won the County Championship by defeating Brunswick, Thurmont, and Walkersville.



## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

This game is one of the most popular among the girls. Each girl showed much interest and skill throughout the season. To improve their skill, the girls practiced two afternoons each week. They tied with Thurmont for second place.





GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

These are the two popular spring sports for girls. Again this year the girls played with all the schools at Frederick. The teams consisted of Juniors and Seniors.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM





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